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WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 1898.



The Next Episode.

Much as the country longs to hear the official news from Admiral Dewey, which ought to come some time today, and possibly before this edition goes to press, there is even greater anxiety in all circles, official and unofficial, to learn something about the present position and intentions of that Spanish squadron which sailed from Cape Verde for a destination unknown. Our best ocean scouts are out looking for it, and their area of vigilance covers a vast Atlantic stretch. The authorities are quite as much at sea as they are as to where the armada really may be heading.

Some of our recognized naval experts believe that the objective point is Porto Rico, but there is no unanimity of theory. Rear Admiral Gherardi, retired, one of our best authorities, says that he has reasoned the thing out, and is convinced that the Oregon, which leaves Rio de Janeiro today, with the gunboat Marietta, are the objects of attack, the value of their destruction to Spain fully justifying the movement, in his opinion.

The possibilities, then, are that the Spanish squadron may be curving to the south, and in a day or two may suddenly intercept these vessels somewhere off the South American coast. If the Nietheroy, which has put to sea from Rio, succeeds in shipping and mounting guns, and loading in ammunition outside of the Brazilian marine limit, as is expected, and joins the Oregon and Marietta, there is a fighting chance, though a bare one, that they might stand off the Spaniards.

The uncertainty of the situation is painful. The Navy Department does not dare to weaken Admiral Sampson's strength in the Antilles, by sending re-enforcements to the aid of the Oregon, without first locating the armada, since supposing the armored cruiser Carlos V, which disappeared from the Mediterranean some days ago, to have joined the squadron from Cape Verde, the Spanish effective would be five powerful cruisers, besides probably three or four dangerous torpedo boat destroyers. It is possible that if we weakened our fleet by detaching a squadron southward, the enemy might at any minute appear off Porto Rico, and proceed to engage us with more chances of success than would be pleasant to contemplate.

As far as laymen can estimate the situation, it may be only a happy accident and coincidence that will save the Oregon and her satellites from a disastrous encounter, in which, however, no doubt is expressed that two or three Spanish vessels would go to the bottom; even if Admiral Villamil should be able to come out of the fight victorious.

Let us all sincerely hope that the golden luck of our Navy may hold out, and that our vessels with their gallant crews, now in such dire peril, may yet bob up serenely from below, and add their fighting force to the already magnificent strength of the modern Sampson!

BOILER BLOWN UP.

Rolling Mill Plant at Passaic, N. J., Destroyed.

Paterson, N. J., May 4.—A portion of the plant of the Passaic Rolling Mill Company, in this city, was wrecked by a boiler explosion at 4:15 this morning. Freeman Edward Canner was instantly killed and five helpers were injured. Canner's body was mangled beyond recognition, and was hurled 300 feet over a railway trestle.

The boiler house is of brick, and adjoins the girder mill. The end of the latter building was demolished, and the boiler and engine house was completely destroyed. The loss will be over \$50,000. The explosion was terrific, and created consternation in the neighborhood. Windows were broken and things shaken up generally all over the city.

STORY OF OUR WARSHIPS

The Plan of Attack on Havana Is Complete.

THE END OF SPANISH RULE

Admiral Sampson Protests in Diplomatic Language That He Should Be Allowed to Shoot Holes in Morro Castle—The Heavy Ships of the Fleet Coast at Key West.

Key West, Fla., May 4.—The Government's plan for a concerted land and naval attack on Havana are about completed, and while the island is more the subject of attack, than the city, it is safe to say that the days of Spanish domination in Cuba are at an end. Admiral Sampson divided his fleet yesterday as a result of a prolonged conference between the ships' officers, held almost under the guns of Morro Castle, and after assigning the rest of his company to maintain the blockade, he headed a procession into Key West, which brought the battleships Iowa and Indiana, the cruisers Cincinnati and Detroit, and the dispatch boat Mayflower trailing along after him.

All have been coaling here ever since and have started south again with tankers piled to their utmost capacity. Of the Cuban coast they will be joined by two or three of the double-turreted monitors, probably the Puritan and the Amethyst, and then Admiral Sampson will open sealed orders. It is pretty generally understood that he made as strong a protest as an admiral can against going to sea blindfolded, for the second time, and there is no doubt that he conveyed to Washington "in diplomatic language" the fact that both he and his men felt that the time had arrived when they should be cut loose. His instructions mean that the Government has decided to permit some of the smaller vessels of the fleet to continue the blockade.

In the meantime the big ships will start for Porto Rico or beyond, to head off Spain's formidable squadron, which Portuguese gunboats from the Cape Verde Islands made a few days ago. This squadron will reach Porto Rico short of coal and crippled by a long sea voyage and will fall a comparatively easy prey to our fleet, although it is made up of the cream of the Spanish navy. But before Admiral Sampson leaves Cuban waters he has yet to pick a party into the island for the entrance to the Army of Invasion, and it is understood that he will start off Matanzas today and complete the work he began there last Wednesday.

In the meantime the Government is still dithering with the insurgent leaders, and a party of half a dozen influential Cubans selected by General Emilio Nunez, the famous filibuster, has left here in the Government tug Leyden to be landed in Cuba somewhere east of Matanzas. The men arrive there last night, and are expected to reach Gen. Gomez with important dispatches by Thursday night. Their mission is to tell Gomez what the United States has done and what the United States expects.

School Children to Celebrate.
Jersey City, N. J., May 4.—As soon as definite news is received of Admiral Dewey's victory over the Spanish at Manila, the Jersey City board of education will appoint a day when all the schools in the city will hold patriotic exercises in honor of the event.

The Katabid.
Boston, Mass., May 4.—The American ram Katabid, Commander George F. F. Wilde, arrived at this port for coal yesterday, and the commandant of the navy yard has contracted for 20 tons, to be delivered tomorrow morning. The ram anchored in the stream off the navy yard and snuffing battery, and Commander Wilde said his respects to Commodore Rowson.

The Minneapolis.
Chatham, Mass., May 4.—The cruiser Minneapolis, which left Portsmouth Monday, is scouting the coast. This noon she passed south of Cape Cod.

Fitted for a Gunboat.
Galveston, Texas, May 4.—The powerful gunboat tug Hortense leaves for Pensacola, to be fitted up with guns and torpedoes. The Hortense will be sent on the patrol service in the Gulf.

WEST POINTERS INDIGNANT.

Feel That Civil Appointments Have Been Given Undue Prominence.

Dissatisfaction to no small degree prevails at the present moment throughout the ranks of the West Pointers on the Oregon. It is an open secret and open talk that in the appointment of officers ordered to the front, those in command of regiments and to all prominent places, the West Pointers have been completely set aside. Every officer of the Army now in prominence is an appointment from civil life.

In corroboration of this fact the following list is given. Gen. Nelson A. Miles, commander-in-chief of the Army, is a civil appointment; Col. Humphreys, quartermaster general, is a civil appointment; Inspector General Brockbridge, Adjutant General Corbin, Adjutant General Sanger, are all civil appointments. Major General Shafter, Otis, Wade and Merriam are civil appointments.

As far as this will bear in mind that at the close of the rebellion, every officer of prominence was a West Pointer; witness the roll call of Grant, Sherman, Sheridan, Thomas, Ayres and a long list of names familiar to the American people.

On the Confederate side were Gen. Joseph E. Johnston, Gen. Robert E. Lee, Gen. Wheeler, Gen. Jackson and Gen. Longstreet, all West Pointers.

Another cause of comment is the treatment of Gen. Merritt, whose unpopularity with the present Administration is well known to be due to the fact that during the war of the rebellion he was the man to approve the findings of the court-martial against Hon. Russell A. Alger, now Secretary of War. Gen. Merritt is the ranking cavalry officer and to him should have been given the command at Chickamauga. Instead of this Gen. Brooke is the man—Gen. Brooke, of the infantry—while to Gen. Shafter, another civil appointment, has been given command of the Army of Invasion in Cuba.

Heard Firing at Sea.

St. Johns, N. P., May 4.—Telegraph Operators Myrick, at Cape Race, and Murphy, at Trepassy, concur in saying that at 11 o'clock Saturday night heavy cannonading was heard in Trepassy Bay for fifteen minutes. It aroused the slumbering citizens of Trepassy from their beds.

Some of the reports were deep and heavy, others were light, sharp and quick, and the opinion of all who heard the reports was that two ships were engaged in battle.

Similar reports were heard again at Trepassy Sunday morning at 1, so loud that they shook the houses. The people expected to see the contestants, when daylight broke, but it was hazy there until Sunday, when the sea was calm. The horizon was tenanted by fully fifty ships at Trepassy heard the firing.

THE CADIZ FLEET.

It Carries Two Twelve-Inch and Four Eleven-Inch Guns.

A Spanish fleet of considerable power is mobilizing at Cadiz, about 300 miles from New York, and about 400 miles from Porto Rico. Every facility for repairing and refitting can be found at this Spanish port.

In this way there are always many war vessels there more or less in a state of preparedness for active operations. It is highly probable that the best of this fleet will be formed into a squadron to start out at least for the Canaries, and thence forward or backward, according to the news it will receive of the movements of the St. Vincent squadron.

So far as can be ascertained the Cadiz squadron that may be expected soon to be seen in the high seas, will include two battleships, an armored cruiser, one or possibly two protected cruisers, a torpedo gunboat and a torpedo boat destroyer.

Battleship, Pelayo; tons, 10,000; armor, 18-inch and 15-inch; armament, two 12-inch, two 11-inch, one 6.5-inch, twelve 4.5-inch; knots, 16.
Armored cruiser, Carlos V; tons, 3,900; armor, 2-inch and 10-inch; armament, two 11-inch, eight 5.5-inch, four 4-inch; knots, 20.
Protected cruiser, Alfonso XIII; tons, 5,000; armor, deck, 3 to 5-inch; armament, four 7.5-inch, six 4.7-inch; knots, 20.
Frigate, Juan Sebastian de Elcano; tons, 1,500; armor, 1.5-inch; armament, four 6.5-inch, eight 4.5-inch, three 4-inch; knots, 13.
Torpedo gunboat, Molina; tons, 830; armament, two 4.7-inch; knots, 18.
Destroyer, Destructor; tons, 388; armament, one 3.5-inch, knots, 20.
Lepanto, sister ship to Alfonso XIII, reported as being ready.

THREAT OF A SPANIARD.

Insinuates That He May Blow Up a Mill.

New York, May 4.—Employees of the Peerless Rubber Company, whose works are at New Durham, N. J., just across the Palisades from Westhewaken, are prepared to give H. B. Grueninger, a Spaniard, who until recently was one of their number, a warm reception if he appears before any of them in the near future.

Ever since the trouble between the United States and Spain began to come to a focus he has constantly made remarks of an uncompromising nature about the American soldiers and sailors. His companions in the mill objected, and the result was many quarrels but no blows, until Saturday night, when the man was discharged by the company because of the bad feeling which his talk engendered.

Soon after he went into Collins's saloon, near the mill, and much frequented by his hands. As he entered there were about twenty of them drinking at the bar, and he began to talk most violently than ever. They tried to "freeze him out" of the conversation, but after a few minutes he made a particularly offensive remark, and the whole crowd of them, hissing and hissing, rushed upon him. They tried to "freeze him out" of the conversation, but after a few minutes he made a particularly offensive remark, and the whole crowd of them, hissing and hissing, rushed upon him.

Two special policemen were set to guard the rubber works last night, and a number of the workers started out to spend the evening looking for Grueninger.

CUBANS SEEK REVENGE.

Hundreds of Volunteers Offer Their Services at Tampa.

Tampa, Fla., May 4.—The Cubans are coming here with a rush and enlisting for active service. Nine out of ten of them have personal wrongs to avenge. The faces of murdered relatives and friends will nerve them in battle, and now, with the certainty of arms and ammunition, they are only too anxious to return to help drive the Spaniards from Cuba.

Late last night the Cuban volunteers began arriving from New York, and today those from New Orleans, New York, New Orleans and other points came, and 200 or more arrived from Key West tonight.

The young men hurried at once to Caspides Hall and enlisted. Dr. Recceveria was in charge. He told the recruits the Cuban army was to fight; that it had no money and no food and there is no chance for soft places. The volunteers cheerfully accepted the conditions. "I am a volunteer," a tall youth from Georgia, James Fitch, came in and asked to enlist. "We have no money, the army has no tents; we will fight on our hands and knees," he said. "That's all right," replied Dr. Recceveria, "that's what I want; the Spaniards killed my brother in the blood. Fighting is all I want."

Scores of the Cubans gave such replies. One had a mother to avenge, another a son or daughter, while one stalwart fellow, with tears in his eyes, told of the butchery of his family of wife and two daughters and a young boy by the Spanish troops two months ago.

A letter was received here today from Gen. Gomez. He is pushing toward Matanzas, and will be ready to co-operate with the United States forces.

The officer sent by the United States authorities reached him safely, and delivered his dispatches. Gen. Gomez expressed his joy that deliverance of his beloved country is near at hand.

He also reported that the country people were wild with joy over the prospects of having arms to fight with. Hundreds are flocking to him daily, and as soon as they can secure arms they will have from ten to twenty thousand extra troops within a week or so. He reports that the Spanish forces in the interior of Cuba are demoralized and discouraged, the blockade has greatly vexed and worried the army. The appearance of the fleet and the American captures reported has caused them to recognize their helplessness.

The Cuban hero of the defeat of the Spanish fleet at Manila will lead to the murder of reconcentrados about Havana, unless the fleet takes possession of the city soon.

Capt. Charles Silver, the filibustering pilot, will go with the Cuban forces from here. Col. Baldomeo and eight others left Key West for Cuba, with dispatches to Gen. Gomez.

Some excitement was created today by the United States tug Unca bringing in a small Spanish fishing smack captured off Eggmont Key. The smack tried to escape. There is a suspicion that the fishermen are in reality spies, sent out to ascertain about the forces here and the condition of the port. An investigation will be held.

Takes Possession of a Bank.

National Bank Examiner Van Vranken reported to Comptroller of the Currency by telegraph this morning at 1, so loud that they shook the houses. The people expected to see the contestants, when daylight broke, but it was hazy there until Sunday, when the sea was calm. The horizon was tenanted by fully fifty ships at Trepassy heard the firing.

Signal Shoe Victory!

ARE we catching up? We should say so! The response to our special "catching-up" shoe sale was tremendous and exceedingly gratifying. It is very evident that other shoe dealers have no more chance against our high qualities and low prices than the Spanish fleet had against Admiral Dewey at Manila. We have annihilated shoe competition. Our regular prices are always far below others, but this week we are quoting special prices in order to relieve our overcrowded shelves. These prices for tomorrow:

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